

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Northwest Arctic Borough****Project Title:**

## Northwest Arctic Borough - Ice Road

**State Funding Requested: \$ 35,000****House District: 40 - T**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

The project will construct an ice road from Kotzebue up to the Kobuk communities of Noorvik and Kiana for wintertime transportation of goods and services.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$35,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

During the winter months, the construction of an ice road from Kotzebue up to Noorvik and Kiana allows the surface movement of heavy goods and materials. This construction technique has been successfully used multiple times in the past to provide a general transportation arterial between these communities.

**Project Timeline:**

\$35,000 in FY 09 construction of an ice road

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Northwest Arctic Borough

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Contact Name: Martha Whiting

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Email:

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

## David Gray

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**From:** Denise Liccioli  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 10:42 AM  
**To:** David Gray  
**Subject:** FW: ice roads

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**From:** Sen. Donny Olson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 10:40 AM  
**To:** Denise Liccioli  
**Subject:** FW: ice roads

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jade Hill [mailto:jhill@nwabor.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 10:40 AM  
**To:** Rep. Reggie Joule; Sen. Donny Olson  
**Cc:** Ginny Austerman; 'Andy Baker '; 'Al Adams'  
**Subject:** ice roads

Good morning Mr. Joule and Mr. Olson.

Attached is a letter from Commissioner Leo von Scheben in response to our request for ice road funding FY08.

Looks like we didn't get it this year. He mentioned that we would propose it in our budget this year or request local funds, but we don't recall it. Although we think that it is important, and we did receive in-kind contributions for the maintenance of the road last year from KIC, wondering if we couldn't make this an annual appropriation. This is something that would greatly benefit our region each year (as ice conditions allow).

Let me know what you think and if I'm on the right track here.

Thank you! Hope you all have a WARM day today... it's coooold here.

Also, FYI Pt. Hope, Noorvik and Kiana all play there 1st games in the State Tournament TODAY. Go Lynx! :) (Kiana girls play Wainwright...as reps for both communities... I hope you're not torn on who to cheer for).

Jade Hill  
Assistant to the Mayor

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

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March 14, 2008

Honorable Siikauraq Martha Whiting  
Northwest Arctic Borough  
PO Box 1110  
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Dear Mayor Whiting:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) received your request to fund ice roads within Northwest Alaska. While we were able to fulfill your request last year, we are unable to do so again this year.

It is our understanding that last year's request would be a one-time only request and future needs would be provided for through the budget process or with local funds. We receive many requests for funding from other communities and cannot fulfill all the unmet needs in the State. Our principle source of funds is Federal Funds. Projects are nominated through the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program process. However, this type of temporary road would not be eligible, under Federal law, for funding. That leaves state funding as an option. The department's share of available state funds is primarily used for maintenance activities. The current funding level is inadequate to meet the state's existing maintenance needs.

We understand the value of the ice road and its benefits to the community and appreciated the thanks we received from the folks in Kotzebue on last year's effort. If we may provide further information, please contact Ethan Birkholz, Northern Region Planning Manager, at 451-2381.

Sincerely,



Leo von Scheben, P.E., L.S., M.B.A.  
Commissioner

cc: Steve Titus, Northern Regional Director, DOT&PF

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